Maine Revised Statutes

Title 22: HEALTH AND WELFARE

Chapter 1: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HEADING: PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6 (rev)

§22. ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER SYSTEM ESTABLISHED

The department is authorized to establish an electronic benefit transfer system for the issuance of benefits under the AFDC, food stamp, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Parents as Scholars and Medicaid programs. [1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §10 (AMD).]

1. Rulemaking. In accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, the department shall adopt rules required for implementation of this subchapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

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[ 1995, c. 675, §1 (NEW) .]
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2. Other programs. The department may add other programs to the EBT system if approved for addition by their respective departments, as long as rules are adopted by the department and other departments for the administration of and delivery of benefits under those programs.

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[ 1995, c. 675, §1 (NEW) .]
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3. Participation. All recipients of benefits under the AFDC, food stamp and Medicaid program or another program approved for addition under subsection 2 must participate in the EBT system.

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[ 1995, c. 675, §1 (NEW) .]
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- **4. Restriction.** The following requirements apply prior to implementation of the EBT system and as applied to each program using the EBT system:
 - A. The department and other departments must determine that use of the EBT system will not decrease benefits or result in unreasonable costs to the recipients; and [1995, c. 675, §1 (NEW).]
 - B. The department and other departments must successfully complete a request-for-proposals evaluation and contract negotiations that ensure that the EBT system will be cost-effective for the individual program. [1995, c. 675, §1 (NEW).]

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[ 1995, c. 675, §1 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY
1995, c. 675, §1 (NEW). 1997, c. 530, §A10 (AMD).
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